**Revival of Sick Public Sector Drug Companies**

3041. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1886 given in Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 1993 and state:

(a) what are the name of the public sector drug companies which have applied to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for revival after 1991;

(b) what are the details of the revival package submitted by each and at what stage the proposals stand at present;

(c) why are the public sector companies not being privatised straightway instead of wasting public money further; and

(d) what action plan has been drawn by the Ministry in respect of each of the public sector undertakings and by when each of them would be privatised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Six public sector underatkings in the Pharmaceutical Industry Sector, namely Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Bengal Immunity, Limited, Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Bengal Immunistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited, Uttar Pradesh Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited and Orissa Drugs and Chemicals Limited have made the reference in the prescribed manner to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) after 1991. The revival package for Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. has been approved by the BIFR. The other five cases are at various stages of preparation/consideration. The revival packages broadly aim at higher production/sales, better marketing strategy, reduction in the fixed cost, reduction in excess manpower, cooperation and sacrifices from employees, support and assistance from bankers etc The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) provides, inter alia, that all options would be considered for full utilisation of the productive industrial assets. The revival or otherwise of these sick companies will depend upon the orders of the BIFR, a statutory authority set up under the law.

**Manufacturers forcing farmers to buy urea**

3042. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the manufacturers of urea have been forcing farmers to buy phosphatic and complex fertilisers alongwith urea; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to retrain the manufacturers from doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No specific instance of the manufacturers of Urea, forcing farmers to buy phosphatic and complex fertilisers has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

**Absence of safety measures at Insecticide Factory, Vidisha**

3043. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the insecticides factories located at Vidisha (M.P.) are not having even the basic safety measures;

(b) whether it is also a fact that four factories, out of eight have been declared dangerous and three out of these four dangerous factories are located just two hundred yards away from schools, having strength of five thousand childrens;

(c) whether it is a fact that the factories declared dangerous are using Methyl

Parathiyan, a poisonous chemical which, after coming in contact with air, produces poinsonous gas and it is very difficult to control the fire which ultimately can cause blast in the tanks;

(d) if so, the details of Government's steps taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

**Salt of Betamethasone Sodium**

3044. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Betamethasone Sodium is the lorgest selling salt of M/s. Glaxo and it was price decontrolled on the bosis of false claims;

(b) what are the basis on which drug was price-decontrolled and when;

(c) what was the sales turn over of formulations of Glaxo, based on this drug per annum after price decontrol;

(d) whether it is a fact that while fixing prices of other two salts o Betamethasone, 50 per cent cost saving which was wrongly shown, was added to the price and what are the full details and the cost saving was with reference to which data and whether it was actual or normative adopted by the BICP; and

(e) what are the drugs for which the company commenced production during the last three years and what is the present price and production during the last three years and what is the present price and production per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The bulk drug Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate and the formulations based thereon produces by MIs. Glaxo, were exemped from price control under DPCO, 1987 on the 28th February, 1992 on the basis of indigenous development of the process. The details like the sales turnover of formulation fo individual companies are not monitored by this Ministry.

(d) Such benefit was not allowed.

(e) Details asked for, are not being monitored by this Ministry.

**Amendments in DPCO, 1987**

3045. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Deptt. of Legal Affairs have advised the Ministry of Chemicals and Fetilizers to make amendments to DPCO, 1987, so as to bring povisions of Paragraphs 7 and 4 of DPCO 1979 into DPCO, 1987;

(b) when was this advice obtained and why Ministry is silent on this issue;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this advice has not been brought to notice of the seniors; and

(d) who is sitting over this advice and what action has been taken to make necessary amendments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

**Development of Bagdogra Airport**

3046. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TORISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for the development of Bagdogra airport is going to be executed shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated for the purpose?